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**AMENDMENT/REPLY SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted with an RCE and is responsive to the final Office action dated April 7, 2004 setting a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 7, 2004, and is accompanied by a Petition to extend the time for replying to September 7, 2004. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 8. There are no amendments to the specification or drawings. Further examination and reconsideration respectfully are requested.